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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 0037

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SUBJ: ABANDONMENT OF PROPOSAL TO AIRLIFT GASOLINE TO VIETNAME

REF: A. STATE 299786 (200056Z DEC 75), NOTAL

B. VIENTIANE 6643 (231140Z DEC 75)

1. SINCE RECEIPT OF REF A, TWO DEVELOPMENTS HAVE CAUSED US TO ABANDON CONCEPT OF AIRLIFTING MOGAS TO VIENTIANE. FIRST, OF COURSE, IS THAI DECISION TO REOPEN BORDER WITH LAOS (SEPTELS), WITH LIKELIHOOD THAT POL SITUATION WILL RETURN TO SOMETHING LIKE NORMAL WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. SECOND FACTOR IS NEGATIVE PDRL REACTION, COMMUNICATED ORALLY TO US AND TO CODEL MONTGOMERY TO OUR REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE FOR U.S. MILITARY FLIGHTS THAT ORIGINALLY APPEARED NECESSARY TO TRANSPORT CODEL TO AND FROM VIENTIANE (REF B).

2. FYI, FUEL SHORTAGE IS NOW EASING SOMEWHAT. BUTANE GAS FOR COOKING IS AGAIN AVAILABLE, ALTHOUGH SO FAR ONLY IN SMALL AMOUNTS, AND THERE IS NO FURTHER NEED TO COOK WITH CHARCOAL. AS A RESULT, DIESEL FUEL TO OPERATE GENERATORS IS NOW OUR MOST PRESSING REQUIREMENT, BUT WE BELIEVE SHELL WILL SHORTLY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE AT LEAST MINIMUM SUPPLY. MOGAS PROVED TO BE MOST PLENTIFUL POL PRODUCT ON THE BLACK MARKET, AND -- THANKS TO STRICT
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CONSERVATION MEASURES -- OUR SUPPLY SITUATION NEVER

QUITE DETERIORATED FROM "SERIOUS" TO "CRITICAL."

3. AGAIN, WISH TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION TO
MILITARY ADDRESSEES FOR WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST.
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